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## WORDY SESSIONS Talk But No Deeds In Chungking

(By Doon Campbell)

CHUNGKING, Jan. 22. IN SIX SESSIONS THE DELEGATES TO CHINA'S ALL-PARTY POLITICAL CONSULTATION CONFERENCE HAVE SPOKEN SOMETHING LESS THAN A QUARTER MILLION WORDS WITHOUT A VOTE OR A DECISION.

ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL HAS ALREADY LIVED HALF ITS LIFE MEMBERS ARE STILL QUIBLING OVER ITS FUNCTIONS AND COMPETENCE TO DEAL WITH A NUMBER OF CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. AN INCREASING TENDENCY TO PIGEON-HOLE PROBLEMS OR REFER THEM TO TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OR SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEES HAS DEVELOPED.

One day there was three hours of words on the reorganization of the Government. The next, there was three hours of theorizing on the reorganization and nationalization of the armed forces. The subject of tomorrow's chatter is anybody's guess.

Only one thing is certain: the Government will speak, most of the other parties will speak, but there will be nothing definite unless the seventh session breaks away from the tradition of its predecessors. The truth is the special committees are doing most of the deciding.

The P.C.C. chamber is a sort of open forum where all factions and forces ventilate viewpoints for public consumption. Kuomintang and Communist delegates sit next each other, every now and then exchanging whistles. The United Party usually agrees with the Government, and the Democratic League usually sides with the Communists.

### LITTLE ORATORY

The atmosphere is less formal and less serious than a Parish Council meeting. There are newspapers and candies and tumbler of tea scattered about the U-shaped table. There is little oratory. Most of the practical business is done behind closed committee room doors.

Half a dozen politicians talk their hands off on how the forces should be re-organized before rationalization, without getting anywhere. The senior Kuomintang delegate, General Chang Chun, Governor of Szechwan; General Chou En-lai, No. 2 Communist, and General Chang Chih-chung, Minister of Political Affairs in the National Military Council, sit together using lost words in trying to reach a practicable workable formula for re-organizing the military machine.

General Chou wants the two things—nationalization of all armed forces and democratization of the government—to happen simultaneously. He wants all parties to be represented in the committee charged with drafting the re-organization and reducing the military programme. He wants the re-employment of more than 2,000,000 discharged soldiers to be the responsibility of all parties.

While the Government's spokesmen prefer to talk about "the re-organization of Communist troops," General Chou stresses that "the re-organization of the Communist troops will be completed and co-ordinated with that of Government troops." General Chou further suggests that during the interim period before nationalization the Minister of War be "a

## CATHOLIC PRIEST INJURED

Rev. Father Barnabe Marcos, teacher of the Aberdeen Industrial School, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital in a critical condition after being knocked down by a Naval lorry at Pokfulam Road near the Dairy Farm about 2.40 p.m. yesterday.

Father Marcos was on his way back to the school when the lorry knocked him down while he was crossing the road. He received injuries to the head and upper part of the body, and is stated to be in a serious condition.

## BUDDHA ARMOURY

NARA, Jan. 22. The Great Dabutan bronze Buddha, largest in the world, is waiting to be demilitarized.

American troops discovered that the Japanese stored hundreds of cases of military supplies near the 63½ foot idol which attracted thousands of pro-war tourists to Nara, Japan's first capital.—Associated Press.

## U.S. SAILORS BEATEN UP

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22. SEVERAL UNITED STATES SAILORS WERE BEATEN TO-DATE BY DEMONSTRATING UNEMPLOYED CHINESE DURING A PARADE PROTESTING AGAINST THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

The demonstrators carried banners accusing Shanghai authorities of failing to solve the unemployment problem. Witnesses said the demonstrators swarmed over a United States Navy truck in which sailors were riding, beating several. None of the sailors, however, were seriously injured.

The Chinese rejoined the parade when Navy shore patrolmen drew their pistols.—Associated Press.

## JAP. STOOGES ARRESTED

Believed to have been one of the Colony's "bad men" during the Japanese occupation, a Chinese named Pun Lam has been arrested by the Authorities and is now in Stanley Prison.

Pun was arrested on information received by the Special Branch in Kowloon on Monday night.

One of the allegations against him is believed to concern the death of an American aviator during the Japanese regime.

## New Butter Scheme Starts To-Day

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE, REGISTERED UNDER THE NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEME, WILL THIS WEEK SHARE AN ISSUE OF 10,000 LBS. OF BUTTER, GIVING AN INDIVIDUAL RATION OF HALF A POUND TO LAST A LITTLE MORE THAN A WEEK.

THE NEW DISTRIBUTION SCHEME, SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND PUT INTO OPERATION ON ITS BEHALF BY THE DAIRY FARM, STARTS TO-DATE.

Three days have been allocated for distributing the rations to-day, to-morrow and Friday. The four distributing points are Lane, Crawford's and the Dairy Farm depots at Lower Albert Road, Kowloon and East Point.

Every person who has made application for the butter issue has been registered, so long as he has come under the category of an employee. Those who have applied on behalf of families have been allocated one ration.

The scheme is worked on the principle of supplying butter to as many people as possible; but the quantity of butter available is limited and this must be spread over several weeks, pending arrival of new supplies.

The fact that butter is in short supply, has to be spread over a period and that the number of applicants for registration has been so large, is the reason for the reduced ration.

PURCHASE DOCKETS have been registered and have been received their purchase dockets from the Dairy Farm.

have made the mistake of posting back these dockets to the Dairy Farm.

It is emphasized that these purchase dockets are to be kept by the recipients and taken along to the distributing depot for drawing the rations. The dockets will be chopped on the back with the date of when the rations were issued and the dockets must be retained and used again for future issues.

In fact these purchase dockets must be retained by the purchaser until they are recalled by the Dairy Farm, and new ones issued.

### U.K. GENEROSITY

The butter to be issued in Australia and it is worthy of note that it comes out of the allocation made by Australia to the United Kingdom. In other words, Hong Kong to-day is able to have butter thanks to the generosity of the U.K. Government and at the sacrifice of the people of Britain, who receive only two ounces a week.

## SOCIALIST TAKES DE GAULLE'S POST

PARIS, JAN. 22.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS PROPOSED TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY THE FORMATION OF A COMMUNIST-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT, HEADED BY A COMMUNIST, TO SUCCEED GENERAL DE GAULLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

THE PROPOSAL, MADE IN A LETTER FROM THE COMMUNIST LEADER, JACQUES DUCLOS, SAID THAT THE M.R.P. PARTY HAD REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNIST-LED GOVERNMENT, AND ASKED THE SOCIALISTS WHETHER THEY STILL CLUNG TO THEIR FORMULA OF A TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT.

The Socialist decision on the Communist proposal was expected shortly.

Here are the three Frenchmen who are most widely discussed as possibilities in the choice of a successor to General de Gaulle:

Maurice Thorez, Minister of State of the out-going government for 15 years has been Secretary General of the French Communist Party. This party emerged as France's largest in the last elections but often has been in a minority position against the rest of the constituent assembly.

Born on April 23, 1909, at Novelles - Goudault, Pas de Calais, son and grandson of coal miners, Thorez himself began work in the pits at the age of 12. He became a leader of the Communist Party soon after it was founded.

Mobilized at the start of World War II, Thorez fled to Russia in October 1939, stating he feared arrest in the Belarussian Government's anti-Red drive and was condemned on desertion charges by an army court.

In 1944 he was pardoned by de Gaulle and returned to France, where his citizenship rights were restored by decree just before last October's elections.

### PETAINE OPPONENT

Vincent Auriol, another outgoing Minister of State, has since 1914 been a Deputy and for many years Parliamentary Secretary of the Socialist Party. smallest of France's Big-Three but occupying a strategic middle position between the Communists and Christian Democrats.

He was born in August 27, 1884 at Revel, Haute Garonne, and studied law, entering the Toulouse Bar. Specializing in financial questions in parliament, he drew attention as Minister of Finance in the first Popular Front government in 1936, when he took the franc off the gold standard.

After occupying other cabinet posts, Auriol voted against giving Marshal Philippe Petain plenary powers in 1940 and was arrested and then released, they lived in hiding until he escaped to join de Gaulle in London in 1943.

### EDUARD HERRIOT

After the liberation of French North Africa, Auriol was active on the Consultative Assembly at Algiers.

Seventy-four-year-old Edouard Herriot, three-time Premier of France, is the Parliamentary Chairman of the Radical-Socialist Party.

A Parliamentarian since 1912 he held Cabinet posts almost the start. One of his government resigned in 1932 when he maintained that France should continue war debt payments to America.

In 1940 he was deposed by Vichy after 35 years as Mayor of Lyons. Arrested two years later and taken to Germany where he was liberated by the Russians.

### GOVIN PICKED

The Communists have proposed the election of Felix Govin to succeed General de Gaulle as President of the Provisional Government. Govin, who is the Socialist Party leader, has been one of the Communist Party's most vocal opponents.

## EUROPEAN WOMEN IN FIGHT: COURT STORY

### THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: — Continuing fine, cool. Light to moderate easterly winds.

Yesterday's temperatures: — Maximum: — 67 degrees at 12.30 p.m. Minimum: — 53 degrees at 7 a.m.

EVIDENCE THAT COMPLAINANT, A RUSSIAN WOMAN, MRS. K. HORNESSON, WAS DETAINED FIVE DAYS AT THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF BRUISES RECEIVED IN A TUSSELE WITH MRS. B. HORKOFF. POLISH, WAS GIVEN BY DR. B. C. TSIA, MEDICAL OFFICER ATTACHED TO THE HOSPITAL STAFF WHEN HE WAS CALLED AS A WITNESS AT KOWLOON COURT YESTERDAY IN SUPPORT OF A CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

TWO DEFENDANTS WERE SUMMONED BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE, MR. W. H. LATIMER. THEY WERE MRS. G. E. CROSS AND MRS. B. HORKOFF, BOTH RESIDING AT NO. 172, NATHAN ROAD, 3RD FLOOR.

Mrs. Harvesson told the Court that on Jan. 7, accompanied by her step-daughter, Ernestina, she had gone to that address to see Mrs. Cross. The front door was opened by Mrs. Horkoff who asked her what she wanted. Mrs. Harvesson replied that she wished to see Mrs. Cross to return her a sum of \$25.

Witness said that a discussion arose which culminated in Mrs. Horkoff striking her and pulling her hair. In the ensuing scuffle, both fell to the floor and witness managed to gain the upper hand, extracting a promise from Mrs. Horkoff of a cessation of further assault.

Mr. F. Zimmern, representing complainant, called as the next witness Mrs. Ernestina Harvesson, who stated in evidence that she accompanied her step-mother and that when the door was opened, Mrs. Horkoff pounced on complainant and a fight started.

Dr. Tsia, in evidence, said that he examined Mrs. Harvesson at the Kowloon Hospital on Jan. 10 and found bruises on her forehead, cheeks, shoulders and chest. She was hospitalized for five days.

### MRS. CROSS'S EVIDENCE

Mrs. G. E. Cross, called to the witness-stand, said that she took no part in the fight. She was awakened by someone calling her name and on going out to the hall saw two women rolling about on the floor. Mrs. Harvesson was on top of Mrs. Horkoff and had her hands in the latter's hair.

She did not let go, Mrs. Cross stated, until Mrs. Horkoff swore, crossing her hands, that she would stop fighting.

Mr. Zimmern: "Do you deny handling a cane or a piece of firewood to Mrs. Horkoff?"

Mrs. Cross: "I deny it. There was no firewood in my house."

Mrs. Horkoff was then called to the witness-stand. She said that on hearing a knock on the front door she opened it to find complainant outside.

The first thing complainant said was "You took my husband away from me." Then, witness stated, complainant pounced on her, pulled her hair, scratched her face and they both fell to the floor.

She was forced by complainant to cross her hands and promise not to continue the fight.

"PRETTY BAD"

Mr. Zimmern: "How did complainant get all the bruises on her body? Do you say that when she left your house she was alright?"

Mrs. Horkoff: "She was absolutely fit when she left. There were no bruises at all and I didn't hit her."

The Magistrate: "I saw Mrs. Harvesson on Jan. 9, and she was pretty bad on her face. I shall discharge Mrs. Cross. As regards Mrs. Horkoff, I shall send her to prison for 14 days. I suggest a \$100 bond of peace to be signed by both sides."

## Raids On Warehouse

NARA, Japan, Jan. 22.

After sending American squads into the countryside twice within a week, Lt. Colonel Ross A. St. Clair, senior military government officer for Nara and Miyagi Prefectures, told 15 delegates of almost 14,000 Koreans, Formosans and Chinese that they were definitely bound by Japanese law.

American troops and Japanese police arrested 12 Japanese, 25 Formosans and one Chinese near the Nara Prefecture warehouse on Jan. 17. They confiscated five trucks, which contained large quantities of brown sugar, while cotton clothes and cases of vegetables valued at 100,000 yen. Four of the men arrested and seven Japanese policemen were injured. Army reports said that the goods were apparently intended for black market distribution.

On Jan. 18 another squad was called to the warehouse where Japanese police had taken into custody eight Chinese and five Japanese found loitering in the area with two empty trucks.—Associated Press.

## WOM'N HAVE TO WORRY THEN

Washington, Jan. 22. Could the explosion of atomic bombs set off a chemical chain reaction which would destroy the earth?

Senator Russell wanted to know and asked Maj. General L. R. Groves, while the Army's atomic bomb expert was appearing before a Senate Committee.

General Groves replied he wasn't very worried about the possibility and neither were his advisors.

"If it happens," he remarked, "it will be all over—and we won't have to explain that one."—Associated Press.

## Situation Critical

Manila, Jan. 22. The High Commissioner for the Philippines, Mr. Paul McNutt, describing the Philippines situation as "critical" today, called President Truman urging passage of the Rehabilitation and Trade Bills to prevent what he said would be serious consequences in the islands.

"It does not at this moment seem humanly possible for the Filipino people, ravaged and demoralized by the cruellest and most destructive war, political split between loyalists and enemy collaborators, and with several sizeable well-armed dissident groups still at large, to cope with the coincidence of political independence and the tremendous economic demands of rehabilitation," McNutt said.

The situation here is critical," McNutt said.

Associated Press.

## H.K. Service

San Francisco, Jan. 22. The American lines will resume their trans-Pacific service within the next few months with four large liners providing accommodation for 2,000 passengers and sailing every 14 days from San Francisco and Los Angeles, it was announced to-day.—Associated Press.

## YARD HUNT FOR LONDON GUNMEN

London, Jan. 22.

A hunt by Scotland Yard and C.I.D. men was on to-day for gunmen who from a stolen car fired four bullets at a police patrol car during an eight-mile zigzag chase in London's fog-bound streets.

The gunmen escaped in the fog. None of the police was hit nor was the police car. The stolen car was found abandoned in Hornsey, with the back filled with women's dresses, although no report had been received of dresses having been stolen during the night.

Just before 3.00 a.m. a police message was radiated to all patrol cars stating that a black Humber car had been stolen from St. John's Wood.

At 4.00 a.m. a police patrol car saw an identical car racing in the direction of Finsbury Park. As the police car started up to give chase one flash and then three flashes in quick succession were seen coming from the back of the Humber.

The police car hurried on the chase but the Humber was lost seen about 4.30 a.m. jumping traffic lights and disappearing into the fog.—Reuter.

### DOCTORS DECAYING

San Francisco, Jan. 22. A group of Army doctors from Guam notified the Associated Press that at a meeting on Friday night they resolved to ask Senator Johnson, Democrat of Colorado, for permission to have a representative before his Senate demobilization committee after an unidentified speaker had said that idleness from professional duties was "causing decay physically and morally."—Associated Press.

## Russian Bombshell At U.N.O. Meeting

LONDON, JAN. 22.

OBSERVERS HERE TO-DATE WERE FEARFUL ON ACCOUNT OF A RUSSIAN UKRAINIAN COMPLAINT LODGED WITH THE U.N.O. AGAINST BRITISH POLICIES IN GREECE AND JAVA WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A SERIOUS SPLIT AMONG THE FIVE BIG POWERS.

THE RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN MOVES CONSTITUTE THE FIRST INSTANCE OF ACTION BY ONE MEMBER OF THE 11-NATION SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST ANOTHER MEMBER. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT FROM THE BRITISH.

One British spokesman said his first reaction was that the Russians were playing a "tit for tat" game — introducing complaints against the British to balance the Iranian protests against alleged Russian interference in Iran. The spokesman said the British had nothing to do with the filing of the Iranian complaint.

United States sources said they are not alarmed by the developments although officials had hoped to avoid major issues while the U.N.O. was being formed.

British troops went to Greece last year on the grounds that occupation of that country was necessary to the war effort. The Russian letter to the U.N.O. Assembly Executive Secretary said: "The maintenance of British troops in Greece after the war cannot now be explained by necessity for protecting communications of British troops in defeated countries."

The Ukrainian letter dealing with Indonesia said: "Military actions directed against a local population have been waged in which British forces, as well as the Japanese, enemy armed forces, are taking part."

THE GREEK REACTION

The Greek Premier, Mr. Themis Soploulis, said to-day that "British military forces are in Greece with the full consent of the Greek Government and are in earnest collaboration with it in maintaining order."

The is the first official Greek reaction to the Russian letter to the U.N.O. for early consideration of the Greek situation.—Associated Press.

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## Team-Pickers

The love of picking teams is planned deep in the human breast. It combines the physical satisfaction of the jig-saw and the more intellectual one of the crossword with the aiming of opinions and the pleasantly irresponsible exercise of patronage. It is certain that the moment the election was over thousands of people, whether they were triumphant or depressed over the result or regarded it with a feebly judicial impartiality, felt happy to the work of picking Mr. Atlee's Ministers for him. Whatever its precise form it is a delightful game. There are always those among its exponents who have what is vulgarly called "the inside dope." They know, even as they knew at Cheney Wally, that "if you had done with Cuffy what you ought to have done when he first came into Parliament, you would have strengthened your administration by the official knowledge and business habits of Mully, instead of being, as you now are, dependent on the mere caprice of Puffy." In really solemn matters, too, they can tell that some batsman denuded by the popular voice would set any touring eleven by the ears in a week, or that an apparently obvious member of a crew is disqualified because he cannot row on the bow side. But to the ordinary player such knowledge is as the elaborate conventions of the experts at bridge, which for him spoil the game. He can play a fine dashing hand, unhampered by any such dangerous learning, guided only by strong personal predilections and local patriotism. He has but one definite rule: just as in another walk of life the customer is always right, so for him the selectors are always wrong. It is well known that selectors as a class suffer from "certain swinish and besotted infirmities which render them unfit for their important duties." They will allow themselves to be led away by the fact that they have constantly seen the competitors for their favours with their own eyes. This adds a great piquancy to the game when one of the officially chosen fails, and makes an international match almost worth losing. And yet there is a great deal to be said for that other and freer game in which no proof is possible. It is unquestionably good fun to pick an England eleven to play against Australia to-day; but still more entrancing perhaps is the world eleven to withstand invading Martians, chosen from the cricketers of different generations, who have been kept asunder by the centuries. Many who are old enough to know better have spent a happy rainy afternoon in sending W. G. and Hutton in first, with Silver Billy at first wicket, or opened the bowling with Spofforth at one end and David Harris, pushing his fast underhands from "nearly as high as his 'armpit'" at the other. The sending of those imaginary telegrams of summons to the Elysian Fields is in itself one of the intensest joys of pretending. Or if something a little more frivolous is preferred, there is the choosing an all-time coalition Government in which Mr. Pitt and Mr. Gladstone struggle for their portfolios with Mr. Morrison and Mr. Bevin. The list of players who must needs be left out is as delightfully impressive as that of those ultimately put in; and since the team cannot take the field and are only awarded as it were, honorary caps, there can be no criticism persons to say "I told you so."

## Imposture Alleged In Appeal Court

ALLEGATIONS THAT ONE OF THE TWO RESPONDENTS IN THE CASE WAS AN IMPOSTER, AND COMMITTED PERJURY, WERE MADE BY MR. M. A. DA SILVA, COUNSEL FOR THE APPELLANT IN AN APPEAL HEARING BEFORE MR. D. O. DALMADA AT THE COURT OF APPEAL YESTERDAY.

THE APPELLANTS, THE SHIU HING COMPANY, APPEALED AGAINST THE DECISION OF A TENANCY TRIBUNAL IN DECIDING IN FAVOUR OF CHAN KWAI, WONG KUI-MAN AND OTHERS IN AN APPLICATION FOR EJECTION IN RESPECT OF THE PREMISES AT NO. 189 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, THIRD FLOOR.

Mr. M. A. da Silva was assisted by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks. The respondents appeared in person.

At the previous hearing judgment was given by Mr. d'Almada in which he found against appellant on the arguments put forward by Mr. Silva. The court, however, gave leave to Mr. Silva to call further evidence in respect to certain allegations which he (Mr. Silva) had made against one of the respondents, Chan Kwai.

When hearing was resumed yesterday Mr. Silva said that at the last hearing he had indicated that he would ask the Court whether he would be allowed to adduce further evidence or only to deal with the point that Chan Kwai was an impostor and not in actual occupation of the premises.

In view of the fresh developments, said Mr. Silva, he did not propose to waste the time of the Court but would adduce evidence attacking the credibility of the person who called himself Chan Kwai. As he was introducing these facts by way of fresh evidence Mr. Silva said he would give his facts fully so that the alleged Chan Kwai be given the fullest possible warning of the attitude he had adopted in this Court, and before he stepped in to the witness box again. Mr. Silva added that at the last hearing the case was adjourned in order that these allegations be fully explained to Chan Kwai so that he might understand the full implication before the case was proceeded with.

THE ALLEGATIONS. "The allegations by the appellants," Mr. Silva continued, "are that there has been fraud on the part of Chan Kwai and Wong Kui-ming. Further,

there is an allegation that if this fraud is proved conclusively to the satisfaction of the Court, Chan Kwai, in giving evidence as he had done, committed perjury, and lays himself open to prosecution for perjury.

Mr. Silva said that appellants realised that these were not allegations that one would make without some substantial form of evidence.

Relating the facts on which evidence was to be adduced later, Mr. Silva said the Court will hear from various people who collected rents for the premises that the man in Court was not in actual occupation of the premises that he was not Chan Kwai but an impostor.

Further, Mr. Silva asked the court to take note of an incident in Court at the first hearing. When Chan was asked by the interpreter for his name, he hesitated, gave the name of Wong and then changed that of Chan. "On the evidence to be adduced," which showed conclusively the fraud, I sincerely wondered that this man in Court would have the temerity to step into the witness box and reiterate the perjury he committed in the lower Court."

Mr. Silva said that after the hearing a fink of the appellants followed the alleged Chan Kwai to No. 21, Queen's Road West, ground floor, occupied by the Ying King Tailor Shop. A tobaccoist's business was also carried on in the same premises. This business was carried out under a licence issued to a man named Wong Hing in December, 1945, and on the licence was the photograph of the man in Court who claimed to be Chan Kwai.

CONSPIRACY CLAIMED. Mr. Silva claimed that there was a conspiracy between Wong Hing, apparently a relative or clansman of Wong Kui-ming, with a view to foster an imposture, firstly at the Tenancy Tribunal and again in this court.

"I will not only ask this Court but also the authorities to take a very serious view of this case because obviously an example must be made of this man so that persons will no longer have the temerity to come forward before the Tenancy Tribunal and

this Court to give false evidence."

Ho Ying Wai-kwok, of the 1st and 2nd Department, testified that he issued the licence in question. He produced a duplicate of the licence with a photograph of Chan.

At this stage Chan told the Court that he was really Chan Kwai. His mother was married, to a man named Wong, which surname he had adopted. Lam Ping-ho, rent collector of the Shiu Hing Company stated that he had collected rents from Chan Kwai. The man in Court was not Chan Kwai. In answer to respondent witness denied that Chan Kwai he knew had a name similar in sound to respondent. In answer to Mr. Silva witness stated he recognised all members of the On Lok Company but respondent was not one of them.

The Court, interpreter, Mr. Ng Chak-wing, was then called. He corroborated that at the first hearing Chan hesitated when witness asked him for his name, then gave the name of Wong and immediately changed, to that of Chan.

The hearing was adjourned to this afternoon at 2 p.m.

## Two-Gun Man

Three year's imprisonment with hard labour was imposed on a Chinese, Chan Ki, by Mr. W. H. Latimer at the Summary Military Court, Kowloon, yesterday. Defendant was found guilty of carrying a Mauser pistol and a Luger pistol, both loaded, without a permit from the Commissioner of Police.

C. D. I. Fraser who prosecuted, stated that accused was arrested by a police patrol at 6.30 a.m. on Jan. 19. Besides the two loaded pistols, 17 rounds of spare ammunition were found on him. Accused said that he was carrying the pistol for an unknown Chinese who promised to pay him \$10. At the time of the arrest the Chinese was walking behind him and probably escaped when he saw the searching party.

## KOWLOON TRIBUNAL

At the Kowloon Tenancy Tribunal yesterday two courts were in session, and of the five cases, four were settled. Before a Tribunal comprising Messrs. Horace Leung, Chairman, Sia Ho Ming and Lee Hon-kam, an adjourned case concerning No. 450 Nathan Road, second floor, was decided in favour of the applicant, Ho Tsui-fong. The opponent and tenant of the flat, Mr. Kuo, was ordered to leave the premises immediately.

The second case involved No. 113 Parkes Street, and the Tribunal granted an eviction order. With Father Graneli in the chair the second Tribunal, the first case concerning No. 126 Nam Cheung Street, second floor, was adjourned. Two other applications for eviction were formally withdrawn by the applicants.

## Readers' Letters

## Happy Swooning

Sir,—Miss Chan's letter printed in yesterday's China Mail protesting against Discrimination, Exploitation, The Undemocratic Spirit and even Racial Prejudice gave us, and no doubt many others a great laugh. We fail to see any connection between The Undemocratic Spirit, Racial Prejudice etc., and Sinatra.

We think she should not accuse the American Public of being fickle and false simply because their views differ from hers.

Does Frankie induce swoons? Or is it his Publicity Agent? How was it that when Sinatra sang with Harry James and Tommy Dorsey no swoons were in evidence? Yet as soon as he started on his own, swooning "Teen-Aged" girls appeared as though produced by a magic wand. We venture to suggest that Sinatra owes his success, such as it is, to a pleasant voice and a smart Publicity Agent.

We have heard the songs mentioned and readily admit that they were handled smoothly and competently by Sinatra but we think that to most people they are just other records that are sung, just as much by Dick Haymes, The Everly Brothers, Donny Dennis etc.

As far as Bina's "groaning" and grunting" are concerned, has she heard "Silent Night," "Swinging on a Star," "Accentuate the Positive," "Don't Fence Me In" and "I'll Be Seeing You" to name just a few? Notice the versatility.

We decided to have a poll amongst Servicemen and civilians, men and women young and old. The results were as follows:

Favourite Crooner or Vocalist: 1. Bing Crosby 25 votes; 2. Frank Sinatra 2 votes.

Second Favourite, Sinatra 7; Haymes 7; Denny Dennis, 3; others 10.

We think the results indicate that the British and Chinese Public wish to join hands with the Americans in being "Flekkie and Falsie." Happy swooning.

TWO SANE SERVICEMEN. P.S. Is Miss Chan kidding?

singing does that to you, come up and see me some time, I'm told I sing something like him, myself. ABBIE.

## May Road

Sir,—Allow me to use your columns to draw the attention of the authorities to the deplorable condition of the Western part of May Road which leads down to Conduit Road.

While before it was still possible to walk from May Road to Conduit Road, past and over the damage portion, some considerable time was the P.W.D. authorities have, presumably with a view to future repairs, dumped a large quantity of big stones and boulders which makes it even for pedestrians impossible to get past.

As a civilian living in Conduit Road and having no transport at my disposal, I used to travel by Peak Tram to May Road to reach my home but this has now become impossible.

As far as I can judge no further progress in repairing May Road has been made during the last few weeks, obviously repairs have been delayed for some reason or other. Could P.W.D. however in the meantime clear a passage for pedestrians to go through pending the resumption of reconstruction of this part of Hong Kong's road system? All those living in this area who are thoroughly inconvenienced by the present state of affairs would be thankful for that.

## Macao Denial

Canton, Jan. 22. A local Chinese press report quoting Consul A. S. Monteiro of Portugal as saying he favoured having Macao revert to China, brought from him an emphatic denial that he had made any such statement. The consul said he had not talked to any reporters. He said a subordinate talked with Chinese newspapermen but did not discuss Macao.—Associated Press.

## "Wo Sang" To Try Again

The ss. "Wo Sang," whose departure for Swatow last Sunday was delayed four hours through having to clear her of some 600 passengers who had boarded her without tickets, returned to Hong Kong yesterday afternoon without having reached her destination. The trouble this time was not with the passengers but with the engine. The vessel developed engine trouble on the way, and in view of the lack of dock facilities at Swatow, the Captain decided to turn back to Hong Kong. It is believed that the trouble is not serious and that the vessel may be in commission again in a few days.

## NEW DISTRICT OFFICE

The District Office, New Territories, has moved from Room No. 108 to Room No. 100, Peninsula Hotel. New telephone numbers are as shown below:—

Mr. J. Barrow and Capt. J. T. Wakefield, R.E., 59247; Capt. K. W. Marshall, 68081-304; Capt. P. K. C. Tsui, M.B.E., 68081-119; P/Lt. A. E. Pell, 68081-242; Clerk, 68081-120; Stenographers, 68081-119.

## C.N.C. WEAKENS

After the phenomenal drop of the previous day gold opened yesterday morning steady at \$485 per tael and kept more or less to this level the whole day, closing at \$488. Chinese national currency opened weak at HK\$426 to CN\$1,000, was rather erratic but could not maintain strength, and closed at \$4.60, with futures offering at as low as \$4.22.

U.S. dollars had buyers at \$6.20, English pound Sterling at \$18.60, and Australian pound notes at \$12.80.

those living in this area who are thoroughly inconvenienced by the present state of affairs would be thankful for that.

## The Irish

Sir,—A friendly argument in our billet has ended in a stalemate owing to lack of knowledge on a certain point.

Could you kindly inform me whether an Irishman (Eire) is a British subject, and what is Eire's position within the British Commonwealth of Nations?

P. HAZLEDINE. (Eire is listed in the "Statesman's Year Book" as a sovereign, independent state associated for certain purposes with the British Commonwealth of Nations." A citizen of Eire is just as much and no more of a British subject than an Australian or Canadian.—Ed.)

## C-In-C Drives A Bulldozer At Kai Tak

Seated at the controls of a bulldozer driving over rough ground in a cloud of dust, the Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral C. H. J. Harcourt, yesterday took a practical interest in the work of Chinese constructional mechanics when he visited an R.A.F. training school at Kai Tak. Forty pupils have spent the last six weeks learning to operate

knowledge, concisely answering questions on the intricacies of clutches, chains, cables and brakes. One hundred and twenty new pupils will start the course at the end of this month, and will then be used for airfield work. The Chinese director of the school, Cheong Kok, said of his first batch of pupils: "They have worked very well, and they learn very quickly."

The work of the school was explained to His Excellency by Flight Lieut. G. R. N. Kirk, of Garroch, Scotland, who is in charge, and Sergeant John Davies, of Swansea, Wales, the senior N.C.O. When leaving the site the Governor thanked the value of the instruction by remarking that the class work is being

## H.K. Electric's Share In Rehabilitation

AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE REOCCUPATION TOWARD PROVIDING THE ISLAND WITH LIGHT AND POWER WAS GIVEN BY MR. F. F. DUCKWORTH, ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., IN ADDRESSING THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB AT THE GLOUCESTER HOTEL, YESTERDAY.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., MR. DUCKWORTH SAID, HAS NOW ONLY 17,000 H.P. OF ITS PLANT IN OPERATION WITH A FURTHER 11,000 H.P. THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF A PRE-WAR PLANT OF 75,000 H.P. TH A FURTHER 11,000 CONSUMERS AS AGAINST THE PRE-WAR TOTAL OF 52,000.

The President, Dr. Arthur Woo was in the Chair and Visiting Rotarians present were Mr. G. D. Hopper (St. John's, Newfoundland) and Mr. R. R. Pearson (Chungking). Among the guests were Major R. Hardy, R.E., Major F. Wilson, R.E., Messrs. Kan Po-chi, W. F. Simons, W. Stobbs, Major-General S. K. Yee, Messrs. P. C. Chen and M. G. Serliff.

Mr. Duckworth said: After three and a half years of internment at Stanley, to those of us who were able to return on Sept. 1 to view the wreckage caused by the Japanese to the Power Station and the distribution system it was a heart-breaking sight. The manager and myself first came over to Hong Kong with a boatload of Jap soldiers and eventually arrived at the North Point Power Station.

After much argument with the Japanese on guard there we were permitted to see the Jap superintendent engineer, he then agreed to show us over the plant; the place was practically deserted, we were horrified to see the state of such members of our Chinese staff who still remained and our first care, as soon as we got control, was to do our best to help them.

APPEALING MESS. We found the Power Station plant in an appalling condition due to neglect and misusage.

We were now faced with the proposition of getting some plant in working order from the wreckage; we set to work and in the first three weeks removed 87 truck-loads of rubbish, so that we could get at the machinery. Invaluable assistance was rendered in the work of rehabilitating the Station by H.M.S. Resource which lay alongside the Power Station.

DIFFICULT POSITION. In 1941 we had eight turbines, totalling some 75,000 H.P. of this plant the Japanese had removed 20,000 H.P. from the site and irretrievably damaged a further 27,000 H.P. until such time as spare parts can be obtained to get this plant back into running order.

At present we are left with only three turbines of some 28,000 H.P. out of our original 75,000 H.P. We have 17,000 H.P. of this plant at present in operation with only 11,000 H.P. standing by.

So you will see the difficult position we are in at the present moment; (if the main 17,000 H.P. turbine develops any fault) until such time as we can bring other damaged plants into commission, which we hope will be in the first half of this year.

Turning to our distribution system, as most of you know, meters are a most essential part of the equipment. On walking into the meter department we found absolute chaos reigning. Stacks of old meters were piled up in mounds anywhere there was a place to stack them.

After many days of removing the usual rubbish and debris we were ready to start work with an assortment of tools loaned to us by H.M.S. Resource. We found some 14,000 meters from amongst the stacks were repairable. We have already reconditioned 4,000 of these and reconnected on consumers' circuits together with 5,000 that could be used for the same purpose without repair.

LOOTING DAMAGE. We found 16,000 consumers were connected to the system in place of the 53,000 who were on our books at the latter end of 1941. By the end of this year we had managed to increase consumers connected to 26,000.

With regard to this task we would once our main difficulties in the order of (1) Damage to services by looting; (2) Lack of material; (3) Lack of the present moment. We have at the present moment some 1,500 applications waiting for re-connection, which represent about three weeks work for us to catch up with our consumers' requirement for light.

With regard to power for domestic consumption it will be appreciated that power for the rehabilitation of the Colony must be given priority and until such time as we can bring at least one more turbine into commission we cannot increase our loads by anything but essential power supply and lighting for emergency which we are doing our utmost to expedite.

CHINESE SUPPORT. We found the underground cable system had been tampered with and re-ran to form a "pre-ferential treatment" system so that electric supply could be given only to a number of Japanese naval, military and government establishments without making it available to the civilian population. To do this they had strung cable, switch-gear, transformers, etc. which are vital links in the "Round the Island" ring main system which aims at continuity of supply.

In conclusion, I should like to pay a tribute to the loyalty of our Chinese staff who despite their condition, due to starvation and the dreadful conditions under which they suffered, the enemy occupation, rolled up from town, village and country and worked long and arduous hours side by side with those of the European staff capable of carrying on in order to get the plant and system in operation in the shortest possible time.

## MILITARY CHOCOLATE

Wong Fuk-hoi and Wong Shing were charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with being in possession of 120 bars of MacRobertson chocolate, a type issued to the Forces, without a permit.

Second accused pleaded not guilty saying that he was only the fink of the first accused, and the prosecution accepted his plea. The charge was withdrawn, and he was discharged.

Inspector F. Nolan, who prosecuted, said that Wong, who was the fink of the first accused, was arrested in Island Road on Monday with two baskets containing the chocolate. He told the Police that the goods belonged to the first accused, who later came forward and admitted possession of the chocolate.

Accused said he bought the chocolate from sailors at the Naval Dockyard for \$120 a bar. A fine of \$10 was imposed and the chocolate confiscated.

## CAUGHT IN ACT

Another pickpocket who was caught in the act, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

The complainant, Poon Sing, said that on Jan. 21, he was watching a funeral procession in Shanghai Street when he felt someone touching his back pocket. He turned round and found accused's hand in his pocket. The sum of \$8.05 was lost and found on accused.

Inspector Anderson prosecuted.

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# YENAN'S MILITARY LEADER

## Story Of General Chu Teh

### Japs. Not Barbarians!

Manila, Jan. 22. The prosecution today rested its case against Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek after testimony given by two eye-witnesses of the fall of Batuan and Corridor.

Major Achille "Belle" aide to Major General E. P. King, Batuan Commander at the surrender, said the Americans retained enough vehicles to transport prisoners to any designated camp but the Japanese major-general refused to discuss the treatment of prisoners with General King and the only statement made was by the Japanese interpreter that "We are not barbarians." The infamous death march then followed. The aide said the prisoners were well treated until the morning of April 11 when the slappings and beatings began.

Colonel John R. Pugh testified to the surrender at Corridor when General Whitehead and his pitiful group of battered and sick defenders, finally surrendered to Homa's hordes. — Associated Press.

### Arab Stand

Jerusalem, Jan. 22. The Arab press in Palestine published a statement by King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia stating that "We will sacrifice our lives and those of our children and our Kingdom so that Palestine remains Arab and Moslem."

The statement which the newspapers said was made to Palestine delegates to the Arab League conference in Cairo, continued: "I frankly told Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt that I only ask them to support the Palestine cause, that we were friends, but that there would never be a Jewish state or Zionist colony in Palestine." — Associated Press.

## Java Negotiations Meeting Success

London, Jan. 22. Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to Moscow, who is going to Batavia as a special envoy, left England this afternoon in a Transport Command Dakota plane on his way to Batavia via Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta and Singapore. He is due at Batavia on Jan. 30.

### Best Left Alone

Washington, Jan. 22. The Senate and House Military Committee Chairman showed little enthusiasm for a requested investigation into the bloody Rapido River engagement in Italy, which was made by members of the 36th Division in an association meeting in Brownwood, Texas, on Saturday, on the eve of the second anniversary of their costly crossing of the heavily defended Italian stream.

Representative Andrew J. May, Democrat of Kentucky, Chairman of the House Committee, told a reporter he could not see what could be accomplished by investigation now. "It wouldn't bring back the lives of any of the men who were lost there," May said.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat of Utah, of the Senate group, there was no precedent for Congressional investigation of a strictly military activity "unless Pearl Harbor so qualified." Both emphasized, however, they will refer the resolution to the members of their Committees if they receive it. — Associated Press.

### HAYWIRE!

Moscow, Jan. 21. Pravda's foreign observer "Reviewer" asserted yesterday that Soviet representatives never have forbidden American correspondents to enter Mukden.

Concerning the statement that Soviet authorities considered American correspondents "enemies," the commentator said in an article in Pravda that "Soviet representatives never and nowhere made such a statement. If some American correspondent who was hawking made up out of his head such a provocative statement, then American correspondents must first of all turn to Chinese General To Li-min and his staff." — Associated Press.

## Idolised By His Troops

(By John Roderick).

YENAN, JAN. 22. AFTER A THIRD OF A CENTURY OF REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE, GEN. CHU TEH, CHINESE COMMUNIST MILITARY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SAYS HE IS READY TO LAY DOWN HIS ARMS. THE INSTANT "UNITY, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY" ARE ACHIEVED IN CHINA.

"I HOPE," HE SAID, "AS WE CHATTED IN A CHILLY CAVE OF HIS 'DATE O CHARD' HOME, 'THEY WILL COME IN 1946.' OF HIS LONG CAREER AS A REVOLUTIONARY, HE OBSERVED:

"I have helped to carve out a territory here in North China where human beings may live secure from arrest and terror, free to practice democratic self-government."

The general is 59 years old—the same age as his onetime revolutionary associate, Chiang Kai-shek. But the similarity ends there. When you sit in the Spartan simplicity of his crude cave and listen to him talk it becomes difficult to remember that this unpolished, ill-dressed revolutionary gave up a life of wealth and ease 20 years ago to become one of the world's most spectacular guerrilla leaders.

The large impression that he leaves with you is that of a kindly older man endowed with rare personal warmth.

The more you see of him in everyday life—sitting quietly at dinner, applauding the Chinese opera or laughing at a movie in the American observer group—the more it seems incredible that upon his head Chiang Kai-shek once placed a price of \$250,000—a reward which incidentally has never been revoked.

**IDOLISED BY TROOPS**

Yet this much-wanted man goes about Yen-an virtually unguarded and never under arms. His soldiers virtually idolise him.

He is one of the most modest of all Chinese Reds. I have never seen him in anything more prepossessing than an old faded suit, a worn fur-topped cape and an army cap whose ear-laps are

tied in a bow at the top and give all army men a roguish look.

His only mark of insignia is the blue and white Kuomintang army star, for he is a member of the Nationalist staff whose rank these days is much honoured in the breach.

Though his rank is equivalent to a five-star American general, he has no coiffure or aloofness. He is an eager listener and constantly invites criticism.

He has not left Yen-an since 1940 but stories about him persist in the popular imagination. The National forces have variously placed him at the head of troops from Kwei-sui to Mukden. They have killed, buried and resurrected him a half-dozen times.

These days, when the negotiations for unity in Chungking demand that he participate in important party decisions as well as direct the 1,200,000 men the Communists claim in his command, he follows a full daily schedule.

When the united front was put into effect in 1937 he personally led operations in Hopei, Shansi and Honan, but in the past five years Yen-an has been his headquarters. Here he makes strategic decisions from the cluster of caves and abode buildings which the Reds call simply "Hwan-chiangling"—the Hwan family compound.

**STRICT ROUTINE**

In Yen-an he follows the strict army routine which has guided him most of his life. Often he walks five miles into town to meet party leaders.

He avidly reads books and newspapers and keeps up on the international situation through translations of foreign-language news.

He always finds time to indulge his love for children. A small army of them tags at his heels. One of his current favorites is a shy 11-year-old girl whose merry eyes darken with pain when Chungking is mentioned. Her father is Yeh Ting, former commander of the New Fourth Army who was taken by the National troops in 1941.

For three years this child shared her father's prison cell, cooking for him, mending his clothes and caring for him.

Son of a wealthy Szechwan landlord, Chu Teh graduated from the Yunnan military academy and immediately plunged into China's struggle for freedom.

"I was born," he told me, "in a period when China was struggling for a national democratic revolution. In my early years I participated in campaigns to overthrow the Manchurian Dynasty in 1911. Five years later I aided the revolt against Yuan Shih-kai who wanted to restore the monarchy."

Chu, feeling "perhaps that success had now been achieved, took up his old way of life as a well-to-do Yunnan official. Then one day, he says, "I awoke."

**IN EUROPE**

"All these years my troops had struggled for democracy but now I realized that the democratic goal had not been achieved," he said. "I turned to the Communist party for the solution."

When he made this decision to embark upon revolution for a third time he was a middle-aged man of 40 sitting humbly at the feet of intellectuals young enough to be his sons. He went with some of these to Germany.

"There I was influenced by the writings of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, and the discussions of my Chinese comrades," he said. "Later he went to Paris and finally to Moscow where he entered the Eastern Workers' University. He returned to Shanghai in 1925. And from then on he began dealing with the forces which eventually were to be built into the Communist army."

The story is told that even at this stage he dressed so simply that once upon capture by some of his enemies he successfully fooled them by saying that he was the cook.

"My life has not been in vain," he remarked. "I have helped to carve out a territory here in North China where human beings may live secure from arrest and terror, free to practice democratic self-government. I have lived to see the democracy we established demanded by the rest of China which now lives in chaos and under oppression. For this I am grateful." — Associated Press.

## Army Demob Proposal

Washington, Jan. 22. The proposal that Congress use its money to grant power to speed the army demobilization programme was advanced yesterday by Representative Dilsen, Republican of Illinois, who said in an interview that if the Army did not have enough money to feed U.S. troops abroad it would have no alternative but to bring them home and discharge them.

According to Dilsen he wants to dole out the Army funds between now and June 30 on a month by month basis. He said he was offering his plan as an amendment to a Bill now before the House Appropriations Committee to cancel some \$6,500,000 in previous grants mostly to the Army and the Navy. — Associated Press.

## "Queen Mary" To Carry War Brides

Frankfurt, Jan. 22. About 10,000 war brides and dependents will be moved to the United States from Britain by the end of February, Brigadier General George S. Eyster told a press conference at which he assured soldiers there are plenty of ships for that and to meet the new redeployment schedule at the same time.

The first shipment will leave Southampton on Jan. 23 aboard the "Argentine" with a capacity of about 625.

The "Queen Mary" capable of carrying 2,400 is due to leave on Feb. 2 and seven other ships will pick up war brides and dependents in February.

Eyster estimated about 50,000 war brides and dependents are awaiting shipment including those from France for whom sailing dates are not fixed.

The G.I.'s University at Blairitz will be closed early in March and other "extra curricular" programmes curtailed to expedite redeployment of troops eligible for discharge. The Brigadier added. — Associated Press.

## Power Of Jap. Clique Ended

Tokyo, Jan. 22. More than 20 Prefectural Governors and 33 other top flight members of the Home Office clique that kept a stranglehold on the internal life of Japan in the years before her surrender, have handed in their resignations in General MacArthur's political purge of the nation.

The new Home Minister, Chuzo Mitsuhashi, is out hunting fresh material among "pure civilians" who are not smeared in the old political monopoly.

In Japan the Home Ministry is a big outfit. It controls the Provincial Governments' cigarette and salt monopolies, all public buildings and even police—the 93,000 little men in corner boxes who know what every person in the neighbourhood is doing.

Governors do not have to be residents of the province—just dispatched from Tokyo Headquarters to run the show.

Under Japan's "New Deal," Mitsuhashi will throw out the old guard as ordered by MacArthur. Mitsuhashi named to the Shidehara Cabinet, the "Asahi Shimbun" said, he plans to send civilians without past records and a number of others into major prefectures. None over 60 years of age are to be chosen.

Civilians eyed by Mitsuhashi include businessmen who have had no voice before, a former judicial officer and two or three former members of the Diet. — Associated Press.

## Looking For Successor

Paris, Jan. 22. The French Communist Party today launched a drive to name a Communist as successor to President de Gaulle.

The Communists, after holding a conference with representatives of the more conservative Popular Republican movement party, announced they would demand that a Communist be elected immediately and advanced the names of their Minister of State, Maurice Thorez.

Vincent Auriol, Socialist Minister of State, was considered another likely candidate in authoritative political circles which also talked of a Socialist-Communist government headed by a Radical-Socialist, perhaps the pre-war Premier Eduard Herriot. — Associated Press.

## BRIGADIER ON FIELDS AFFAIR

Canberra, Jan. 22. Brigadier Dorak Schreiber yesterday issued a 500-word statement which said in part: "A statement has been made that I was responsible for Field's dismissal. This is quite incorrect and has been publicly denied at the enquiry. I have not harboured any desire to prevent Fields and his wife from obtaining employment."

The statement added that he had given Fields as gifts £10 and a new wrist watch. — Associated Press.

## FIL'BUSTER ON

Washington, Jan. 22. The Southern Senators in Congress on Monday officially announced their intention to continue the filibuster against the fair employment bill.

The filibuster is a senatorial device used to block the passage of a bill by "continuous speaking" thereby delaying all legislation and forcing the sponsors of the bill to withdraw it from the floor.

The fair employment bill is designed to give all Americans, regardless of colour or creed, the same opportunities in finding employment.

Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi said: "I intend to speak for 30 days and I am only one of many." — Associated Press.

## PLANTS TO BE SEIZED

Chicago, Jan. 22. The possibility of an imminent government seizure confronted the strike-bound meat industry today.

As the fact-finding board appointed by President Truman prepared to open public hearings here today in the six-day old walk-out, high administrative quarters in Washington said that major packing plants might be seized in a day or two.

Constitutional attorneys here to end the walk-out of 268,000 C.I.O. and A.F.L. workers in the industry were docked in the wake of the seizure of the meat industry board, expressed hopes of a settlement within two weeks. — Associated Press.

## MARINES MAY STAY

Tientsin, Jan. 22. American marines will probably be kept in North China as a "stabilizing force" now that repatriation of Japanese has been turned over to the Chinese, Republic of China, said a member of the House Naval Affairs Subcommittee said here yesterday.

Bates, who is in Tientsin with the Sub-Committee, said the United States is "interested in permanent world peace. We are of the conviction that unless we send a band another world 'conflagration' may be in the making." — Associated Press.

## WOMAN ELECTED

London, Jan. 22. Miss Freida Dafen, Norwegian delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, was elected to the Social and Economic Committee.

— Associated Press.

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W. J. KEATES, MANAGER.

## CHINESE DELEGATE FOR LONDON

Chungking, Jan. 22. General Chang Chen, chief aide-de-camp to General Chiang Kai-shek and former Chief of the Chinese Military Mission to Washington, has been appointed head of the Chinese Delegation to the forthcoming Six-Power Military Conference in London.

General Ho Ying-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, was to have headed the Mission, but for an undisclosed reason, will not go to London. — Associated Press.

## HIRATE'S EXCUSE

Yokohama, Jan. 21. Katchi Hirate, who is on trial here for alleged mistreatment of allied internees in two Prisoners of War camps, which he commanded, told the Military Tribunal that 48 prisoners died in his command because "the prisoners who first arrived from Indonesia were particularly weak and it amounted to a killing sick men." — Associated Press.

## H.K. Exports To Singapore

Shippers of goods to Singapore are perturbed by the latest advice from their agents that importations from Hong Kong have been placed under Government control.

The effect of this ruling is that sale of goods from Hong Kong will be subject to Government sanction at official prices and it is submitted that this may mean a loss to exporters if the official prices are fixed below what they have paid in Hong Kong.

The last shipment to Singapore was that by the s.s. "City of Eastbourne" which is still en route.

### LICENCE NECESSARY

Shippers of goods to the United States have received advice from their agents that importations into the States are subject to import licence from the War Production Board.

It is necessary for shippers in Hong Kong to satisfy themselves that their agents or buyers in the States have secured the necessary licence before they make shipment. Licence number is required by the U.S. Consulate-General in Hong Kong for the issue of consular invoice.

### EUROPEAN'S DEATH

A tragic discovery was made at the Reary Hill Home on Monday when Mr. P. H. A. Lafleur was found dead in his room. It is believed he had committed suicide by hanging himself.

The late Mr. Lafleur, who was a Dutchman, was a Director of M. Beraha and Co., Ltd. Together with his wife and two adopted children, he was interned at Stanley during the occupation. When the Colony was liberated he and his family were accommodated at Reary Hill.

It is reported that he had been in low spirits for some time past.

### REGISTRY WEDDING

Mr. Raymond Hsien Leung-oh, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Fook-hong, and Miss Yuen Yuen Fung, fourth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ho Yu, were married yesterday morning at the Supreme Court Registry.

A reception was later held at No. 69 Conduit Road where a large gathering of relatives and friends attended.

### PETROL CONFISCATED

An application for confiscation of 57 tins of petrol was granted by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday to Inspector Fyffe of Central Police Station.

According to Inspector Fyffe, the petrol was found on the s.s. Wo Sang without a claimant and is not on the ship's manifest.

Mr. Mark Tennison of the Maryknoll Mission will speak to-morrow afternoon at 5.30 p.m. at the Catholic Centre on "Chinese Living in Chungking throughout the war and from there he broadcasted regularly to America. His talk is going to be particularly interesting to all those who wish to know the conditions of the war time Chinese Capital.

### HONG KONG GENERAL OF COMMERCE

#### REMINDER

Members of the above Chamber are reminded that a Special Meeting is to be held in the Board Room of Jardine Matheson & Company Limited, Raffles Street, Hong Kong, at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 23rd January, 1946.

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## President Truman On Loan To Britain

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HIS 25,000-WORD MESSAGE COMBINED A RELIEF OF FOREIGN POLICY, LAWMAKING AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. HE EXPRESSED "GREAT HOPE" FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUALLY EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS IN CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

The American peace policy, he said, must rest "upon justice, not less than power."

He declared that he thought it was possible that the atom bomb will be outlawed as a war weapon.

Elaborating on foreign policy, Truman said that difficulties arise between war-time allies the United States will not try to remove them by sacrificing its ideals and vital interests. Nor will the United States ignore the ideals and vital interests of its friends.

The United States, he continued, intends to preserve the voice of the smaller nations in writing peace treaties with Germany and Japan just as the United States insisted that the small nations be heard in making peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland.

PERMANENT PEACE

"The peace we seek is not a peace for 20 years," Truman said. "It is a permanent peace."

The support of even the strongest nations cannot guarantee peace unless it is infused with the quality of justice, he said.

Expressing approval of the "encouraging progress" made by the Allied Control Council for Germany in the face of the most serious difficulties Truman said the transfer from military to civilian personnel of American participation in the government of occupied territories in Europe will be urged as soon as practicable.

In the new pattern for Allied control for Japan, the United States, with "the full approval of its partners," has retained the primary authority and responsibility and will continue to do so until the Japanese people choose their own government.

On the domestic front, the President asked Congress to approve a "four-point program" which he felt would promote the greater output of lower cost goods by higher paid workers.

STRIKE WARNING

He cautioned that "voices of disunity" which "are beginning to cry aloud again must not prevail."

Truman expressed optimism over business and job potentialities and issued fresh warnings against inflation and major strikes.

In the budget the President pegged government expenditures during the fiscal year beginning July 1 at \$36,800,000,000. This is only \$4,347,000,000 above the anticipated income.

By drawing on the Treasury's cash balance, the National Debt can be reduced for the first time in 17 years; he said, from an expected \$175,000,000,000 next July to \$171,000,000,000 a year later.

He added, however, that he was unable to recommend further tax cuts at this time.—Associated Press.

### COXSAIN'S RESCUE

A near-tragedy was narrowly averted by the vigilance and initiative of Leung Loo, coxswain of the Naval Yard tug "Tanna."

Shortly after 5 p.m. on Monday the coxswain heard shouts for help from the water off the rocks at Stonecutters. He immediately alerted his tug, which was at the Armament depot jetty, to the spot, and found that a boat with two engineers from H.M.S. Empire Clyde had overturned, throwing the occupants in the water.

The two men were picked up. It was fortunate that help arrived so soon as there was a very strong current.

Richmond, Calif., Jan. 22. Tony Penna of Dayton, Ohio, won the Richmond open golf tournament to pocket \$2,000 in victory bonds. He scored 289 in 72-hole tournament.—The touring professionals headed for Phoenix for their next competition.—Associated Press.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 22. Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler told a meeting of Texas league club owners that all baseball, including amateurs, should be under one head, and disclosed that Negro baseball leaders have discussed the question of reorganizing their circuits on a basis permitting their entry into organized professional baseball.

said presidents of two Negro leagues had conferred with him.

Associated Press.

## U. S. BASKETBALL

New York, Jan. 22.

Four teams in the running for top national collegiate basketball honours headline this week's competition. Notre Dame, currently rated the No. 1 team, will meet Kentucky and Wyoming.

Notre Dame has won 10 and lost none against some of the country's strongest teams. Kentucky has been beaten only once in 13 games, and trounced Tennessee 60 to 32. Wyoming has lost only one game in 13 and Oklahoma Aggies only one in 11.

Navy, with four wins and no losses, tangle with Duke, the southern conference leader, Saturday. Undeclared Holy Cross is host to powerful Rhode Island state on Thursday.

West Virginia is another unbeaten team with 11 straight victories.—Associated Press.

Yokohama, Jan. 22.

Elton (Tad) Wieman, former head football coach at Princeton and Michigan, arrived in Japan yesterday to assist in coaching the play-off air-borne eleven for the Army Olympic title game against the Honolulu all-stars in Tokyo on Jan. 27. Jack Sutherland, former Pittsburgh university and professional coach, is on the Honolulu coaching staff.—Associated Press.

On the ground that the Court was satisfied that the findings of the Tenancy Tribunal should not be disturbed, Mr. Leo d'Almada, sitting in the Court of Appeal, yesterday upheld a decision of the Tribunal in granting an eviction order.

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Giving judgment Mr. d'Almada said:

CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE

"On nearly every question of fact before the Tribunal there was direct conflict of evidence in this case. On every such question the Tribunal found for the Appellants, and from the findings, it is clear that it did so because it believed the evidence adduced on their behalf and disbelieved that of the Opponent."

"To quote from the findings: '... it seemed to the Tribunal that the Opponent was trying, all alone to provide an answer for every point raised by the Appellants whether that point was material or not. When it came to deciding whom to believe, or more specifically, when not to believe, the Tribunal, without much hesitation, decided against the Opponent.'"

"In the circumstances it cannot be said that the Court is in as good a position as that of first instance, and on a careful examination of the evidence, I am satisfied that these findings should not be disturbed."

"Mr. Kan argues that the Tribunal based its decision on four points, and that they were wrong on every one. These points are: (1) the failure to pay rents from Oct. 11, 1941, to Jan. 16, 1946; (2) the failure to give up the premises; (3) the failure to dissolve the company; (4) the failure to remove the machinery."

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"Now, did the Tribunal base its decision on the dissolution of the partnership? A careful reading of the findings leads me to the conclusion that it did not."

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"Here, then is the clearest finding that whether or not the partnership had been dissolved, it had certainly suspended business and had removed its machinery from the premises. (It must be noted, too, that the firm's signboard had also been removed)."

"Coupled with the finding that the premises were occupied by Chan Wai, who was not a partner, it is clear that the Tribunal found that the firm was not in occupation of the premises."

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## NEW YEAR SOCCER

At the meeting of the Football League Management Committee it was decided to stage three football games during the Chinese holidays.

All games will be played on the New Ground, as follows: Saturday, Feb. 2: Rest of Colony v. Combined Chinese.

Sunday, Feb. 3: Island v. Mainland.

Monday, Feb. 4: United Services v. Rest of Colony.

It was also decided to run a shield competition after the completion of the League. The competition will be confined to the ten teams now competing in the League, but as the Civilians are only entering one team it is probable that another Commando team will be invited.

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## Sunday's Softball

(By "ONLOOKER")

This Sunday's encounters mark the beginning of the second round of the men's fracas with two games to be played—the undoubted "Playboy" Baseballers meeting Chung Hwa at 9.30 a.m. sharp in the curtain-raiser, and Way Fong clashing with Cyclones immediately afterwards—at Reerote ground King's Park, Kowloon.

Although beaten by "Doc" Molthen "Playboy" Baseballers in their first game, Chung Hwa's hopes run high once again. In view of that their return battle with the "Playboy" mob will not be as one-sided as the first. Robbins will be calling 'em with "Sunburn" Omar and "Lolly" Moodeen at the bases.

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